

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the official action date June 4, 2007. Claims 1-14 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1-14 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-9, and 11-14 have been amended. Claims 1-14 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§102 and §103 Rejections

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hendricks (5659350)

Claim 4 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hendricks as applied to claim 3, and further in view of Arai (6751401).

Applicant submits that the independent claims (claims 1, 5-8, and 12-14) are patentable over Hendricks and Arai.

Applicant's invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward a transmission/reception device and method. Each of the claims recites that a redistribution digital signal is transmitted/received. Each of the claims further recites that the redistribution digital signal is formed on the basis of a digital signal received from a distribution device, and that such formation includes substituting a descriptor of the system that transmits the redistribution digital signal for a descriptor of the distribution device such that the redistribution digital signal includes the descriptor of the system that transmits the redistribution digital signal. Supporting disclosure for the formation of Applicant's redistribution digital signal can be found in the specification at, for example, page 20, lines 21-23.

Neither Hendricks nor Arai discloses formation of a redistribution signal as recited by Applicant. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1, 5-8, and 12-14 are patentable over Hendricks and Arai - taken either alone or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicant believes that dependent claims 2-4 and 9-11 are patentable over Hendricks and Arai for at least the same reasons as discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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